

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of James Paul
2 David "Jim" Bunning.

3 WHEREAS, Jim Bunning, former United States Senator, Hall of Fame pitcher, and
4 beloved son of this great Commonwealth, departed this earthly life and entered into the
5 kingdom of Heaven on May 26, 2017, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose
6 lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

7 WHEREAS, Jim Bunning was born in Southgate, Kentucky, on October 23, 1931,
8 the cherished son of Louis and Gladys Best Bunning; and

9 WHEREAS, after pitching for his alma mater Xavier University, Jim Bunning went
10 on to pitch for 17 total seasons in Major League Baseball with four different clubs: the
11 Detroit Tigers, the Philadelphia Phillies, the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the Los Angeles
12 Dodgers. He would become just the second pitcher in Major League Baseball history to
13 win at least 100 games, record 1,000 strikeouts, and throw no-hitters in both the
14 American and National Leagues. He ended his extraordinary career in 1971 having
15 recorded 2,855 strikeouts, second only to the great Walter Johnson; and

16 WHEREAS, Jim Bunning was elected to the Major League Baseball Hall of Fame
17 in Cooperstown, New York, in 1996; and

18 WHEREAS, Jim Bunning began his career in public service on the nonpartisan Fort
19 Thomas City Council in 1977. It was his first foray into politics, and it would become the
20 foundation of the next two decades of his life; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1979, Jim Bunning was elected to the Kentucky State Senate. He
22 would go on to become Minority Leader, unseating his future running mate for Governor,
23 Jefferson County's Eugene Stuart; and

24 WHEREAS, after his defeat to Martha Layne Collins in the 1983 gubernatorial race,
25 Jim Bunning was elected to the United States House of Representatives in 1986. He
26 served six terms in the House and was elected to the United States Senate in 1998; and

27 WHEREAS, a staunch and outspoken conservative, Jim Bunning became both a

1 tireless advocate for the conservative cause and a fearless, tenacious fighter who opposed
2 such issues as illegal immigration and the policies of the Federal Reserve; and

3 WHEREAS, Jim Bunning retired in 2010, drawing to a close an extraordinary
4 career in public service; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Bunning is survived by his wife, Mary; sons, David, Jim, Bill, and
6 Mark; daughters, Barb, Joan, Cat, Bridget, and Amy; several grandchildren and great-
7 grandchildren; and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will
8 dearly miss his presence in their lives;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

10 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
11 *Kentucky:*

12 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
13 sympathy upon the passing of James Paul David "Jim" Bunning Jr., posthumously thank
14 him for his decades of service to the people of Northern Kentucky and to all those in this
15 Commonwealth, and recognize him as a Kentuckian of the highest standing.

16 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
17 memory of James Paul David "Jim" Bunning.

18 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
19 Resolution to Senator Wil Schroder for delivery to the family.